

5:30 p.m. 3-16-11 Special Town Board Meeting: Community Partnership Grant

Present: David Lewis, Kitty Brown, JaneAnn Williams, Toni Hokanson

Shari Kanner, Roger Spool, Jim Tinger, Pierette Farber, Amy Harrington, Leonora Koffman, Randall Leverette, Town resident, Mike Townsend, Everette, Payne, Town resident

5:30 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda- a motion was made by Supervisor to accept the agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

JL Joined...

Gentleman questioned how Partnership will work with Ken? They are pragmatic- you're asking to do something not qualified to do. Questioned their motives. Randall gave his background.

Familiar- read material with interest – has questions. KB suggested him.

Pierrette Farber- Director of Partnership- Mid Hudson Prevention Resource Center- oversee coalitions.

Bylaws exist- need to be further developed

Supervisor Hokanson: grant built in: capacity building

Roger- training mandatory for new trainees – Sustainability part of grant

Randall- number of programs

Pierrette- project alert- 3 years Jim Tinger- taking over for DARE. Substance abuse techniques- on how to resist

Randall- Jim includes in his summary applied for grant through partnership. Few people joined? Go into schools

Randall- federal grant has strict guidelines

Pierrette- We're not going to be loosey goosey

Randall questioned status

Supervisor Hokanson- school district owns report

Supervisor Hokanson said this group applied last year- missed it by 1 point

Jim- started due to different youth organizations in Town working in different directions. This group provided much for knowing how the groups work with the youth. If grant doesn't go through- jeopardizing the group

Roger Spool- founding member- he, Pierette, Jim, Craig, a lot of expertise make this work

Supervisor Hokanson- Leonora with school district, Toni Woody and Connie Hayes, assistant superintendent attend regularly

Councilwoman Brown: 16 questions

1. yes school and police chief. KB judges partnership- strategy will be working out. Alternative sentencing

2. Changes! Shari's part of attachment. Roger- we've added more justification

Supervisor Hokanson corrected

3. Community Partnership- not true- its the Town.

Councilwoman Brown stated it puts the Town Board in a completely different position. Mea Culpa- not sure any of you understood that on Monday.

Councilman Logan- at end of 5 years stuck with just bill leftover from this. Health benefits? No, not eligible. 25 + 15 hours (spelled out on Monday)

HVME approached Town- wanted- grant written to become town employees; expenses associated with that: insurance, liability insurance,

Pierette- no- included in grant and work comp

Roger- small price to pay compared to benefits

Town is fiscal administration. Roger- steering committee provides direction. 5 hours weekly for Town supervisor. Who is responsible for choosing paid consultants?

Supervisor Hokanson indicated the procurement policy must be followed.

Councilman Brown asked what about hiring policy

Councilman Logan asked do we do have a right to name who hired and how much- started in 09'- more money spread across larger point; Supervisor Hokanson responded grant requirements

Councilman Logan- experienced with substance abusers

Pierette- grant funding for training interns to do actual programming

Dare replacement- 3 programs including project alert alcohol education

Supervisor Hokanson said a partnership is required

Why not do 501-c-3

Councilwoman Brown- if too immature to do 501-c-3- too immature for this grant. Most attorneys would do pro-bono. Why isn't Family applicant Town of New Paltz providing support?

Councilwoman Brown- within next year? Pierette- 2 years to apply for 501-c-3

Craig- attorney friend in Newburgh – pro-bono or Craig will pay for 501-c-3

Councilwoman Brown- \$125,000 in-kind and \$125,000 year grant. Towns space is real money.

Reimbursement to the Town is not listed

Pierette- some utility cases they can cover.

KB- 125,000- what percent by Town? Office space.

Randall- facilities- doubt if you can take money from federal government.

Pierette- budget here from federal government

Councilwoman Brown- 3000 in kind from Tinger to do project alert- project by Town

\$100 an hour trainer fee(donations on weekends)

In minutes – volunteers are suppose to log volunteer time. Record exists total-61

Pierette will become employee of the Town. For \$6000 , FICA, work comp, NYS disability, contractual at 41,000

3 employees- time with kids- can train trainers. How many licensed to work with kids?

11-no for 1 year 12- including all the benefits- Councilwoman Brown only asked for her salary- inaccurate statement

Provide accurate data to the government.

Councilman Logan: 13. benefits shared- Shari and Pierette- excessive salary. No other Town employees paid that high or paid on a grant

Supervisor Hokanson: HVME- a lot of reasons why not. Police did not get 1, did not apply after that. Sign letter of agreement with Town? No TH says we have until September but we have other jobs. Is Town legally able to hire for maximum number of years and term of employment.

Councilwoman Brown asked: can we have an understanding in MOU- hammer out before we leave tonight? Pierette says yes.

Councilman Logan: 12 sector members- no new people being recruited in. Pierette- steering committee and organization committee

16. No- roger. Focus: parent-education. And schools

Councilwoman Brown: \$41,000 is federal money, CE. How do you pay New Paltz foe newspaper coverage- \$3500 non-federal match- it's a donation.

10 hours \$262- PA airtime- need to show a value

Councilman Logan asked do we have a legal right to encumber funds?

Supervisor Hokanson: we are not encumbering any funds. Can't commit funds into 5 years

Councilwoman Brown: this is committing the supervisor's time, space, bookkeeper, and payroll.

Councilwoman Brown: the grant approved – 8-31-would start up 10/1 if Town decides to no longer to be fiscal agent to you- Craig- if we succeed. Federal government will have to approve transfer. Craig will start working on it tomorrow.

Councilman Logan would like to see the report; he is concerned on where the money is going.

Councilwoman Brown said it is way above rate New Paltz pays

Councilman Logan said we are the only Town with a Town funded youth center. Roger- we are paying for TIPS . no prevention programming without this grant.

Councilman Logan said it is a complete shift of this grant- don't know if I would have written this grant.

Amy- approval of previous two years- never anticipated

Councilwoman Brown's other sticking point is Shari's salary with benefits- agreed to change

Supervisor Hokanson indicated the salary is \$49,000

Suervisor Hokanson suggested to go over the MOU, vote on changing

Councilman Logan said he has never seen an MOU with community partnership. I it was done before, he never saw.

Councilwoman Brown: add Town is responsible for maintaining all records. You've put us in a terrible position. Can add to MOU that partnership would move away from Town in a year? Not likely it would be viewed favorably.

KB- programs crucial for the children, being given the 48 hours.

Councilman Logan feels it is inappropriate that the Supervisor has signed; she indicated she was given authorization.

Councilwoman Brown- personally will start process. Voting for grant with understanding that within 18 months- wants absolve Town- Supervisor Hokanson says there is a process-

Councilwoman Brown doesn't want Town to continue to be fiscal agent for the next 5 years, but to reviewed and renewed annually.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion for a decision Town Board lead agency for purpose of applying for grant \$125,000 only 5 years. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, fiscal agency to, all ayes

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion the Town Board authorize her to sign the application and move...

Seconded by Councilwoman Williams- Councilwoman Brown offered a friendly amendment that the Town has the right to annually review and withdraw from grant- 1 year Town shall review position as fiscal agent and reserve right to withdraw. Supevisor Hokanson not accepting any amendment- not appropriate- not in contract yet. Councilwoman Brown reasonable for Town. Councilman Lewis made a motion to remove Councilwoman Brown's motion- call the questions- 5 ayes – counting on Supervisor Hokanson.

At 7:58 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk